

**From:** [Edlund, Carl](#)  
**To:** [Woolford, James](#); [Phillips, Pam](#)  
**Cc:** [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Fitz-James, Schatzi](#); [Stalcup, Dana](#); [Gartner, Lois](#); [Siedschlag, Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Hurricane Response  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 2:21:00 PM

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Thanks ...yes, we are handling but you can see there is quite an e-mail string

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**From:** Woolford, James  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>; Phillips, Pam <phillips.pam@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie <Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov>; Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>; Gartner, Lois <Gartner.Loïs@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA Hurricane Response

Am assuming you all in Region 6 are doing this...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Clark, Becki" <[Clark.Beki@epa.gov](mailto:Clark.Beki@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 25, 2017 at 2:19:00 PM EDT  
**To:** "Irizarry, Gilberto" <[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Cheatham, Reggie" <[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)>, "Woodyard, Josh" <[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>, "Woolford, James" <[Woolford.James@epa.gov](mailto:Woolford.James@epa.gov)>, "Stalcup, Dana" <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)>, "Crossland, Ronnie" <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>, "Gartner, Lois" <[Gartner.Loïs@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Loïs@epa.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: EPA Hurricane Response**

I asked Liz if he had spoken to Nancy. She had not. Both Liz and Nancy ate here in the room with me now, so I can follow up with them.

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On Aug 25, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Irizarry, Gilberto <[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)> wrote:

Great !

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry  
Director, Preparedness & Response Ops Division  
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On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Cheatham, Reggie  
<[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)> wrote:

I dealt with this over an hour ago directly with Nancy. This is not a HQ function and they need to work with David Grey and his communications channels.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
Office of Emergency Management, USEPA  
202/564-8003(o)/202/689-9400  
Doris Williams, Executive Assistant  
202/564-0053

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Clark, Becki  
<[Clark.Beki@epa.gov](mailto:Clark.Beki@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks,  
I talked to Liz just now. What she really needs is a few sentences about how we are making sure that Superfund sites in the affected areas are identified, monitored, secured, etc.

Looping in OSRTI – can someone please get back to Liz Bowman with a few sentences? Call me if you have questions. Thanks.

Becki  
564-3818

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**From:** Irizarry, Gilberto  
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<[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Hurricane Response

Additionally, Nancy G. is suppose to be the Crisis Communications person in the AO. She

should be able to address such need.

Thanks,

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<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)> wrote:

Reggie and Becki:

I believe that someone needs to get to Liz on this last request. This is not the time or way for her and others not familiar with what we do to get train by requesting information in writing. We have people working the preparation for the event and coordinating actionable issues. Better to address those questions by having someone sit with her.

Let me know if you want to discuss further.

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry  
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2017 at 1:22:41 PM  
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**Subject: RE: EPA  
Hurricane Response**

Got it, what I need

from you all now is details of the activities that your office has prepared and ready to go, if needed. A few sentences of what your role is in an emergency response. The updated statement is below. Please do not edit this, but send me information about what your role is in an emergency, what you all do to provide support. Amy and I will then take what you all send us and combine it into one statement. **PLEASE RESPOND WITH THAT INFORMATION BY 2 P.M.**

**Current EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA is positioned and ready to support our state, local and tribal partners in response to Hurricane Harvey. EPA has a very organized and

highly developed  
emergency  
response program  
for responding to  
man-made and  
natural disasters.  
Administrator Scott  
Pruitt has activated  
our emergency  
centers in Dallas.  
We have  
preparedness and  
readiness teams  
standing by to  
support FEMA if  
needed.

EPA Headquarters  
emergency  
operations center is  
monitoring the  
storm closely and  
making  
preparations to  
activate in order to  
support Regions 4  
and 6. Our Region 6  
office in Dallas is  
taking action to  
ensure that  
Superfund Sites are  
secured in advance  
of the storm, to  
plan to assist the  
approximately 300  
public water  
system rapid  
assessments, and  
to seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency

response activities  
with Texas,  
Louisiana, and  
other federal  
response agencies  
The Clear Air Act  
also allows EPA  
Administrator  
Pruitt, in  
consultation with  
Energy Secretary  
Perry, to waive  
certain fuel  
requirements to  
address shortages  
that occur as a  
result of the storm.  
EPA has an  
experienced team  
standing by to  
expedite handling  
of any waiver  
requests by the  
states.

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**Subject:** RE: EPA  
Hurricane Response

To confirm, Region  
4's Emergency  
Operations Center  
is NOT activated.

*Thanks -*

*Joshua*  
*Woodyard | Associate*  
*Director*  
Preparedness and  
Response  
Operations  
Division (PROD)  
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Emergency  
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All – I am not  
asking for edits on  
this, I am asking for  
each relevant office  
to reply to all with  
their ADDITIONS to  
this statement,  
with information  
on the superfunds,  
etc.

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Liz,

Some additional  
suggestions – the  
Region doesn't  
process or issue the  
waiver. We took  
David's language  
("As authorized by  
Congress, the Clear  
Air Act allows the  
EPA Administrator,  
in consultation with  
the Secretary of  
Energy, to waive

fuel requirements during a hurricane to ensure an adequate supply of fuel is available to the impacted public. EPA has an experience team standing by to expedite any waivers deemed necessary by the states.”) and made a few tweaks to conform more closely with the waiver authority language and added it to the end.

**Current EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA has a very organized and highly developed emergency response program for responding to man-made and natural disasters. Administrator Scott Pruitt has activated our emergency operations response centers in Dallas and Atlanta.

The EPA  
Headquarters  
emergency

operations center is monitoring the storm closely and making preparations to activate in order to support Regions 4 and 6. We have ~~preparedness and readiness teams~~ our response officials prepared to deploy if FEMA requests assistance. if request by the states through FEMA. Our Region 6 office in Dallas is taking action to ensure that Superfund Sites are secured in advance of the storm, to plan to assist the approximately 300 public water system rapid assessments, to ~~process emergency fuel waiver requests,~~ and to seamlessly integrate emergency response activities with Texas, Louisiana, and other federal response agencies  
The Clear Air Act also

allows the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Energy, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that occur as a result of the storm. EPA has an experienced team standing by to expedite handling of any waiver requests by the states.

Thanks,

Cari Shiffman,  
Special Assistant  
U.S. Environmental  
Protection Agency  
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**Subject:** RE: EPA  
Hurricane Response

Hi Liz – Here's my take from an OEM perspective. As Tito stated, we are not activated here in DC but as you can imagine, we are monitoring closely and preparing to activate if needed. We are unaware of our peers in R4 being activated so I would remove that.

**Current EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA has a very organized and

highly developed  
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man-made and  
natural disasters.  
Administrator Scott  
Pruitt has activated  
our emergency  
operations  
~~response~~ centers in  
Dallas and Atlanta.  
The EPA  
Headquarters  
emergency  
operations center is  
monitoring the  
storm closely and  
making  
preparations to  
activate in order to  
support Regions 4  
and 6. We have  
~~preparedness and  
readiness teams~~  
our response  
officials prepared  
to deploy if FEMA  
requests  
assistance. if  
~~request by the  
states through  
FEMA.~~ Our Region  
6 office in Dallas is  
taking action to  
ensure that  
Superfund Sites are  
secured in advance  
of the storm, to  
plan to assist the  
approximately 300

public water  
system rapid  
assessments, to  
process emergency  
fuel waiver  
requests, and to  
seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency  
response activities  
with Texas,  
Louisiana, and  
other federal  
response agencies.

*Thanks -*

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**Subject:** RE: EPA  
Hurricane Response

Great, thank you –  
Cari. Can you all  
please update that  
statement and  
send it to us, to  
include in our press  
release?

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Liz,

I checked with John  
and it looks like the  
last time we had an  
emergency fuel  
waiver in 2016 we  
didn't issue a press  
release (it was issued  
because of a pipeline  
failure, not a  
hurricane though),  
but did post on the  
website and had a  
desk statement  
prepared.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** Re: EPA  
Hurricane Response

One principal note  
from me that will be

followed up ....

the HQ EOC is not currently activated. We are making preparations and will be ready to activate, but we are not activated yet. We need to monitor progress of the situation to then activate promptly when we need to in order to support the Region 6 activities.

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito"  
Irizarry  
Director,  
Preparedness &  
Response Ops  
Division  
Office of Emergency  
Management (OEM)  
USEPA  
O: 202-564-7982  
C: 202-821-8138

Sent from my  
iPhone, please  
excuse typos.

On Aug 25, 2017, at  
11:58 AM, Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Adding  
my two  
managers  
(Josh

Woodyard  
and  
Peter  
Oh) for  
follow-  
up,  
accordingly,  
today  
while I  
am out  
of the  
office  
today.

Thanks,

Gilberto  
"Tito"  
Irizarry  
Director,  
Preparedness  
&  
Response  
Ops  
Division  
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iPhone,  
please  
excuse  
typos.

On Aug  
25,  
2017,  
at  
11:45  
AM,  
Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

There  
are  
two  
different  
email  
chains  
going  
around  
about  
EPA  
activities  
and  
responses  
on  
the  
storm,  
one  
on  
the  
fuel  
waiver,  
and  
one  
on  
the  
securing  
superfund  
sites.  
We  
want  
to

issue  
one  
press  
release  
from  
HQ  
that  
talks  
about  
all  
our  
response  
activities,  
including  
the  
statement  
that  
includes  
preparedness,  
superfunds  
being  
secured  
and  
the  
waiver.  
Please  
respond  
to  
this  
email  
with  
the  
information  
relevant  
to  
your  
office  
(along  
with  
the  
key

contacts  
cell  
phone  
numbers),  
and  
then  
Amy  
and  
I  
will  
compile  
the  
relevant  
information  
into  
one  
press  
release,  
which  
we  
will  
send  
out  
from  
HQ.  
Once  
the  
language  
is  
approved,  
you  
should  
also  
prepare  
to  
post  
your  
office's  
information  
on  
your



relevant  
web  
pages.  
But,  
right  
now,  
we  
need  
one  
coordinated  
response.

When  
it  
comes  
to  
press  
responses,  
once  
the  
response  
is  
approved,  
it  
can  
be  
sent  
—  
just  
make  
sure  
to  
copy  
the  
press  
box.  
If  
it  
is  
about  
Regional

activities,  
it  
should  
be  
attributed  
to  
David  
Gray,  
if  
it's  
about  
anything  
involving  
EPA-  
wide  
response  
or  
the  
Administration  
or  
Administrator  
Pruitt,  
responses  
should  
be  
attributed  
to  
me.  
Please  
be  
prepared  
to  
check  
email  
and  
return  
calls  
over  
the  
weekend,  
and

post  
anything  
to  
the  
website,  
as  
needed  
(or  
respond  
to  
social  
media  
posts).

My  
cell  
is  
202-  
309-  
3416  
if  
you  
all  
have  
questions.  
Thanks  
—  
Liz

**Current  
EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA  
has  
a  
very  
organized  
and  
highly  
developed

program  
for  
responding  
to  
man-  
made  
and  
natural  
disasters.  
Administrator  
Scott  
Pruitt  
has  
activated  
our  
response  
centers  
in  
Washington  
DC,  
Dallas  
and  
Atlanta.  
We  
have  
preparedness  
and  
readiness  
teams  
prepare  
to  
deploy  
if  
request  
by  
the  
states  
through  
FEMA.  
Our  
Region

6  
office  
in  
Dallas  
is  
taking  
action  
to  
ensure  
that  
Superfund  
Sites  
are  
secured  
in  
advance  
of  
the  
storm,  
to  
plan  
to  
assist  
the  
approximately  
300  
public  
water  
system  
rapid  
assessments,  
to  
process  
emergency  
fuel  
waiver  
requests,  
and  
to  
seamlessly  
integrate

emergency  
response  
activities  
with  
Texas,  
Louisiana,  
and  
other  
federal  
response  
agencies.

Liz  
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Agency  
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